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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 20, 2001
(Paper No. 12), reconsideration of this application is
respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In this application, claims 11-14 and 25-27 are the same
as claims 1-3, 36, 14, 24 and 25 of Patent 6,136,339 and, in
the previous amendment, were presented as proposed counts with
a request for the declaration of an interference. In the
action under reply, the Examiner observes that in order to
provide a basis for an interference, such claims must be
patentable over the cited prior art. In this instance, all
seven claims stand rejected as being directly anticipated